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**Via ECF**

Honorable Steven M. Gold  
United States Chief Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

***Re: Patrick Alford, et al v. The City of New York.***  
***Docket Number: CV 11-1583***

***Rodriguez v. The City of New York***  
***Docket Number: CV 10-4661***

Dear Judge Gold:

This office represents Patrick Alford, one of the plaintiffs in the above referenced matters.

Regrettably, I must inform the Court that Mr. Alford was the victim of a shooting on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Although it is not clear what exactly happened, it appears that he was shot twice, once in the head and once in the leg, during a home invasion.

Reports of Mr. Alford's condition are somewhat inconsistent. I am advised by members of his family that he is in critical condition and in a coma. Whether he will recover from his injuries, and if so, the extent of his injuries, is still unknown.

It is also my understanding that J.A., who has been in Mr. Alford's care since January, 2010 was present at the time and that she is now in the care of Sharima Bruington, Mr. Alford's live-in girlfriend, through an ACS placement.

